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Promoted to First Lieutenant



CAMP CASEY, KOREA (AHTNC)—Thomas R. Theroux, pictured above at right, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilder A. Theroux, 270 South St., Agawam, Mass., was promoted to first lieutenant during ceremonies at Camp Casey, Korea, June 11.

Lt. Theroux is operations and

training officer of Headquarters, 127th Signal Battalion. He entered the Army in June 1966 and arrived overseas in January 1967.

The lieutenant graduated in 1962 from Agawam High School, and in 1966 from the University of Georgia, Athens. He is a member of the National Society of Pershing Rifles.

Clerk-Carrier Positions Open At Post Office

Applications will be received at the Springfield, Mass. Office not later than Wednesday, July 19, for the positions of Clerk-Carrier in all First-Class offices in the State of Mass. Anyone may apply regardless of where he or she lives. Starting salary is \$2.64 per hour with periodic increases to a maximum of \$3.60 per hour.

Applications may be obtained at any Post Office in this area or from Mr. William J. Byrnes, examiner-in-charge, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiner, Post Office Building, Springfield, Mass.

Graduates



REGINA M. HARRINGTON

Miss Regina Mary Harrington was graduated recently from the Northfield School for Girls, in Northfield, Mass. While at Northfield, Miss Harrington was chosen for Estey choir, chancel choir glee club, and was elected Cabinet Representative.

She will enter Boston University school of Engineering in the fall.

Regina is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton F. Harrington, Sr., of Suffield St., this town.

Westfield Savings Quarterly Report

Westfield Savings Bank is continuing to establish new records in all banking categories, Arthur W. Knapp, president, told the quarterly meeting of the board of trustees at the Sheraton Inn Friday night. Henry F. Burrows, chairman of the board, presided.

Mr. Knapp said that total assets, which only early this year achieved the milestone \$50 million mark, had grown to \$52,538,181 on June 30 of this year.

The trustees voted a record high dividend of \$990,000 during the meeting. This sum, payable on July 10, represents dividends of 4½ percent on regular savings accounts and 4 percent on special notice accounts.

Mr. Knapp said the current dividend payment, plus the \$955,942 paid to the bank's approximately 30,000 savers in January, brings the total dividend payout in the past year to \$1,945,942, also a record amount.

Savings deposits on June 30 of this year were an all-time high of \$45,383,729, with the gain for the past three months amounting to \$992,220.

Mortgage demand remains very strong—with "record demand"—and Westfield Savings Bank's real estate loans on June 30 were at

the peak figure of \$38,052,892. The increase in real estate loans during the three months ending June 30 was \$1,098,176, he told the trustees. He noted that the bank's real estate investments include many communities in the area, with the bulk of the investments in Westfield, West Springfield, Agawam and Southwick.

Agawam Branch

The trustees were told of the recently-completed purchase of almost two acres of land at 643 Main St., Agawam, on which Westfield Savings will construct its new Agawam office.

The present schedule calls for construction to begin in August, Mr. Knapp said, with the new office to open before the end of the year.

Miss Dickinson

To Wed Sept. 2

Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Dickinson of Elm St., Agawam, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Charles J. Buoniconti, son of Mrs. John Buoniconti of Marble St., Springfield, and the late Mr. Buoniconti. The wedding will be an event of Sept. 2 in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Springfield.

A graduate of Agawam High School, the future bride is employed by Perkins Machine & Gear Co., West Springfield. Her fiancé attended Springfield schools and served three years with the Army.

Miss Dickinson has been guest of honor at several pre-nuptial parties. Mrs. Franklin Palmer, Mrs. Theodore Carpenter, Mrs. Carl Psholka, sisters of the bride-elect, and Mrs. Henry Dickinson, Jr., sister-in-law, entertained at miscellaneous shower recently at the American Legion Hall, West Springfield. Members of the Agawam Congregational Church Bell Ringers also entertained as a miscellaneous shower honoring Miss Dickinson.

Federal Drive To Recruit Civilians For Vietnam Posts

SPRINGFIELD — The Federal government will open a two-day drive here beginning Thursday (July 20) to recruit men and women for a wide range of civilian posts in Vietnam.

The U. S. Agency for International Development (AID), a unit of the State Department, announced that a team will be sent into Springfield to interview civilian specialists needed "to help win the 'other face of the war' in Vietnam — the struggle against hunger, illiteracy, and disease."

Michael J. Marlow, AID Press Officer for Vietnam, said that recruitment is being stepped up because a widening job gap has reached critical proportions and is hampering the civil action program in Vietnam. He said that the present force of civilian specialists—now numbering 1,600 will need to be nearly doubled with the next year.

A temporary headquarters will be opened in the Sheraton Motor Inn where applicants may call between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. for an appointment on (413) 734-3141. Persons living out of town may call collect.

The positions for which persons will be interviewed are area development officers, economists, provincial agriculture advisors, public administration advisors, training officers, agriculture specialists, vocational education advisors, personnel officers and registered nurses.

Candidates must be United States citizens at least 5 years, it was pointed out. They must be willing to be separated from their families for at least 18 months, and may be assigned to remote and possibly hazardous areas of Vietnam.

Salaries will range from \$4,700 to \$19,000 a year, depending on the position and qualifications for the job. Up to a 25 percent hardship bonus will be added to the basic salary, along with housing allowance, medical care, and other benefits.

Referring to the shortage of civilian skills in Vietnam, Mr. Marlow described the civil aid program in that country as a "shirt-sleeves war that is just as vital as the military action." He added:

"The effort to bring a better life to the unhappy people of Vietnam must go on long after hostilities have ended. However, our immediate goal is to help the Vietnamese resist aggression and to build the peace. This means working side by side with the people, helping them to build schools, hospitals, roads, and housing; helping them to become better farmers, nurses, teachers."

He noted that AID representatives are stationed in each of the

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GARDEN CLUB OUTING SATURDAY

On Saturday, July 15, at 10:30 a.m., cars will leave the parking lot of the Agawam Congregational Church for a visit to Stanley Park, Westfield. The park has developed a new and very beautiful area with covered bridge, water wheel, two waterfalls, and a boardwalk around the lake. Of course the flower gardens always attract gardeners.

Everybody should bring a lunch and the club will furnish watermelon, ice cream, and beverages. Families and friends are always welcome. In case of heavy rain, the outing will be cancelled.

The Club Telephone Committee will contact members for reservations. If anyone is not contacted, call either Mrs. John Farrington—733-1775, or Mrs. Walter Lawrenchuk—734-8180.

Four Generations of Poggi Family



Mrs. Caroline Poggi of Moore St., Agawam, was guest of honor at a family dinner party in observance of her 85th birthday. The dinner was hosted by her children at the Squires Restaurant, Agawam, last week. She was presented a television set by her children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Poggi, widow of the late Felix Poggi, was married in Windsor Locks, Conn., and has been a resident of Agawam for over 55 years. She is active, cares for a flower garden and attends

daily Mass at St. Anthony's Church where she has been a parishioner during her entire stay in Agawam.

Pictured above with Mrs. Poggi is her great grandson, left, Angelo, her son, center, and his son, right.

Mrs. Poggi has three daughters, Mrs. Eva Trabold of Agawam, Mrs. Catherine Loncrini of Springfield and Mrs. Laura Castellini of West Springfield; four sons, Angelo, Charles and Felix of Agawam, and Andrew of West Springfield.

REMEMBER—NO TAIL-GATING



CHURCH NEWS

Agawam Methodist Church

459 Mill Street, Agawam
Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister
Ronald Ashton, Lay Leader
Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist
Mrs. Mary Keyes,
Sanctuary Choir Director
Mary Alexander,
Youth Choir Director
Betty Fearn,
Junior Choir Director
Sandra Garfield,
Church Secretary
Sunday—9:30 a.m. Church at
Worship. . . Nursery for infants.
Wednesday—7 p.m. Men's choir
practice.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist
and Choir Director
Mrs. Barbara Briggs,
Church Secretary
UNION SERVICES
SUNDAY — 9:30 a.m. Union
Services will be held in the Aga-
wam Congregational Church dur-
ing the summer.

On The Lawn

with

LARRY LAWRENCE

It used to be that a TV comedian could raise a laugh merely by using the word crabgrass. But last year I hardly heard a crabgrass gag all summer. Which merely proves, I suppose, that jokes wear out a lot faster than weeds.

It is also true that the average homeowner is no longer as baffled about crabgrass as he used to be. For one thing he has learned that it is an annual and that last year's dead plants can be ignored. He has also heard tell, even if he hasn't experienced it yet himself, that it is easier to prevent crabgrass from coming up than it is to eradicate it when grown. Indeed, that polysyllabic mouthful "pre-emergence control" seems to be passing into every day language along with such space age tongue twisters as solid-state circuitry and acrylic polymers.

Today, the important thing to remember is that many crabgrass controls cannot be used if you also plan to seed. If you have planted any new grass or expect to do so, be sure to get a compatible control such as Halts, which is put out by Scotts, or Halts Plus which is the same thing but with a full feeding of fertilizer included.

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Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous
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CSS Rector
Rev. Samuel Fayad, CSS
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and 5:30 p.m.
Weekdays — 7, 9 a.m.
Tuesday — 7:30 p.m. St. An-
thony Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday—8 a.m. Holy Commu-
nion; 10 a.m. Matins and Ser-
mon.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce
Rev. Albert Blanchard
Saturday — Confessions 4 to
5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.
MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30,
11:45 a.m.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard
MASS SCHEDULE
Daily Mass—7 a.m.
Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30
and 7:30 Confessions.
Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m.
Mass.
Tuesday—7 p.m. St. Theresa
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National Driver Register Service Apprehends Violators

"The National Driver Register Service, a clearinghouse of information on driver licensing maintained in the Federal Highway Administration in Washington, D. C., is helping Massachusetts rid

the highways of undesirable drivers," Registrar Richard E. McLaughlin said today.

He cited the case of a recent applicant for a license who failed to declare his previous convictions

and revocations in other states. The customary search for information concerning this license applicant through the NDRS revealed numerous serious violations in five states involving liquor and operating while under suspension or revocation. The applicant was subsequently prosecuted in Court, pleaded guilty, and fined for making false statements on his license application.

McLaughlin said that this is a typical example of what "false statements" can lead to and cautioned all license applicants to beware of committing a similar offense.

As provided by the Highway Safety Act of 1966, all states furnish the Register Service with information on persons who have been denied licenses, or whose licenses have been suspended or revoked for any reason. The Register receives information from the states on magnetic tape at a rate of 1700 names daily. These are stored in a data file and searched by electronic computer upon request of the states at a rate of 50,000 searches daily. The computer currently has a pool of two million names of serious offenders and can detect an identification even if there are variations in names and dates of birth.

Established in 1961, the Register has conducted over 32,000,000 searches resulting in 200,000 identifications of persons warranting further investigation.

"The purpose of the National Driver Register is to remove objectionable drivers from the road," McLaughlin said, "and it is succeeding."

Camper's Wiener Stew



There's really nothing mysterious or difficult about making stew. But an exceptionally good stew usually requires several hours of long slow cooking.

Camper's Wiener Stew is an exception to the rule, because it is a tasty wiener and vegetable combination that is not time-consuming.

The secret of its simplicity is in the ingredients. All are readily available and easy to work with. It is simply a matter of blending them together and heating to serving temperature.

Of course, much of the good flavor in Wiener Stew comes from the tender pieces of wieners. They are vacuum-packaged for maximum protection of freshness and flavor. And wieners are fully-cooked so it takes just minutes to heat to serving temperature.

It is a meal-in-one dish that's long on nourishment but short on preparation. Camp cooks will find Wiener Stew a hearty meal for outdoor eating.

Camper's Wiener Stew

- 1 package (1 lb.) Oscar Mayer Wieners
- 1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed vegetable soup
- 1 can (1 lb.) potatoes, drained and quartered
- 1 can (1 lb.) sliced carrots, drained
- 1 can (5-1/2 oz.) tomato juice
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme, optional

Cut wieners into bite-size pieces. Combine with remaining ingredients in skillet or saucepan. Cook slowly, stirring occasionally, 5 minutes or until heated through. Makes 5 servings.

service conducted by Rev. Mr. Bennett.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m., "Hour of Power," midweek prayer meeting and service.

(Bible Baptist Church is in fellowship with the General Assn. of Regular Baptist Churches and the American and International Councils of Christian Churches).



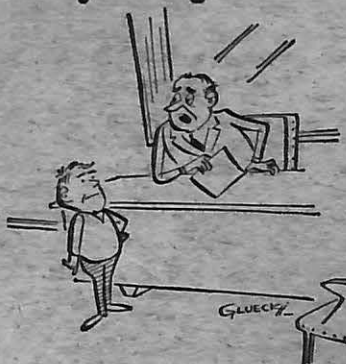
COLLEGE NEWS

BAY PATH

Sheila Swikalus of 18 School St., Agawam, has been named to the dean's list at Bay Path Junior College for her academic work during the spring semester, according to Dean of the College Jeanette T. Wright.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Swikalus, she will be a senior at the two-year college for women in Longmeadow.

My Neighbors



"You gotta be kidding—you've only been here a week and you feel you're not getting anywhere..."

Maintenance crews of the Washington State Department of Highways picked up 2,437 individual pieces of litter along a one-mile section of rural highway last month. The same strip had been thoroughly cleaned only four months earlier.



Tonasket, Wash., Tribune: "More than a few people . . . are proud of the fact that they 'worked their way through college.' They make no secret of the fact that they obtained a higher education by waiting on tables, tutoring, typing, etc. and then supplemented that income by working hard at summer jobs. In short, they got their education the hard way, without depending on federal aid and, in many cases, accepting little or no family aid. Those we know were not hurt by the extra effort. Indeed, it made them better qualified to compete when they left the ivy-covered walls."

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July 29, 1924 — A successful telephone conversation between two people in New York and San Francisco heralds the construction of the first transcontinental telephone line in the United States.

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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE



Jumping for Joy at the View It's the Membership List of the V.F.W.

July 4th—Very well supported by people of all ages including many, many, #1632 Post and Auxiliary members was the "Steak Roast" held by W. S.; V. F. W. on our grounds. Fellows behind the bar did a grand job as did the cooks—steaks could melt in one's mouths. Children played ball and took advantage of the swings... everyone had a grand time!

July 6—Everyone at the County Council meeting held at our Post Home enjoyed the delicious food served outdoors immediately after.

Commander Dick Adelman wishes to thank his crew of helpful Annie's — Bib Bissonnette, Katy Dickinson, Anna Bissonnette, Muriel Hendricks and Betty Curran.

State Junior Vice-Commander from South Hadley, Clarence Raymond who was present is urging all the members to pay their dues early in order to make a good showing to the National Commander who will be from Massachusetts this coming year. So pay them now and make us happy with the membership list.

July 9 — House Committee meeting—Chairman James Stellato presented a "Life Membership" to Andy Cimma who has worked hard for the Post. Congratulations from all, Andy.

Jim Stellato also thanked all who made his cousins stay in the United States so pleasant. While here Father Alfonso Santaniello of St. Michael's Church in Salerno, Italy, made his home with Jim's mother. During his stay, Father Alfonse said Masses at St. John's Church on Main St., St. Anthony's Church on Maple St. and Sacred Heart Church in Feding Hills.

Also visiting here from Paisley, Scotland are two lovely ladies —Mrs. Richardson, mother of Peter (Scotty) Richardson of 13 Cosgrove St., and her hometown friend, Mrs. Jenny McLellan, mother of Mrs. Walter Blair also of Cosgrove St. Although enjoying the country they miss the hustle and bustle of Paisley, Scotland.

July 16—Picnic at V. A. Hospital (Leeds) Save time for these

CENSUS BUREAU CHANGES RULES FOR 1970 COUNT

The Census Bureau recently reported that for its 1970 national headcount, household pets will be out but disc jockeys will be in.

The Bureau director, Ross Eckler, said that, despite many letters urging a question on how many pets in a family, the 1970 census has turned thumbs down on the idea.

"Other items under consideration have a higher priority," he commented. Those advocating the pet count argued it would be useful to public health agencies and dog and cat food industries.

As for disc jockeys, Mr. Eckler reported they would be recruited to help enlist public cooperation in providing information during the census, which is taken every ten years.

He said the bureau would launch a full-scale information campaign, especially in congested city areas, to gain the public's support of the census.

The major change in the 1970 census will be the use of the mails to do most of the work. Mr. Eckler estimated that 60 to 65 per cent of the more than 200 million people tabulated would be counted through a so-called mail-out mail back procedure. The household will receive a questionnaire by mail, fill it out and send it back.

Census workers will make door-to-door calls to those households that do not return their questionnaires and those whose replies are not of acceptable quality, Mr. Eckler said.

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Federal Drive . . .

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43 mainland provinces of Vietnam. They oversee the use of AID funds and commodities, plan and execute projects and programs, and counsel province chiefs on all aspects of the counter-insurgency program.

Recruitment campaigns similar to that about to get underway in Springfield have been conducted in recent months in cities throughout the country, including Los Angeles, Chicago, Bos'on, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, St. Louis, Kansas City, Detroit, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Norfolk, Raleigh, Richmond, San Francisco, San Diego, Tulsa, New York, Portland (Ore.), Denver, Boise, Des Moines, Jacksonville,

Atlanta, Seattle, Miami, Rochester (N. Y.), and Phoenix.

Large Computer System In Use

The world's largest commercial information processing network went into operation in Boston, Mass. recently.

It's a \$15-million system, affecting one in every five persons in the United States and Canada. It will link 900 field offices of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company with a single huge computer at the company's headquarters in New York, and with a similar system in Canada.

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Have Fun...And Be Safe

WATER SKIING

Water skiing has become one of the most popular forms of family recreation, and it is one of the easiest of all sports to learn. It is not uncommon for a person, child or adult, to be able to ski successfully after only an hour or less of instruction.

Water skiing is also one of the safest of family sports if a few simple and basic safety precautions are followed.

First of all, a skier, whether beginner or "old pro", should always wear a life jacket or one of the belt-type preservers.

Before starting out, the skier should check skis for splinters, and the bindings for any sharp edges. The tow rope should also be inspected for frayed or worn spots, and of course, the boat and motor need to be in good condition.

The tow boat should always have two people in it—the driver and another person to act as observer. The approved hand signals need to be understood and used by both skier and observer.

Once a skier is on plane, or actually up on the skis and skiing, other precautions are called for.

The tow rope or handle should never be wrapped around any part of the body. It is meant to be held with the hands and unless you are in the expert class leave the toe-holds and other tricks to the show skiers.

If you know you are going to fall, and what skier doesn't occasionally, try to fall backwards. There is less chance of having your wind knocked out than if you should fall forward. Also, at the first sign of fall, let go of the tow rope.

When coming in for a landing, run parallel to the shore or dock and have the tow boat slow down. Don't aim directly at a dock or beach. Your momentum may carry you into either one at too rapid a speed, and water skis don't have brakes.

If you follow these basic rules of safety, a summer of water skiing fun is virtually assured.

H. L.

U.S. Half Dollars Roll Again

Washington

The half dollar, a scarce item in recent years, shows signs of reappearing in significant numbers on the United States money scene.

That's the word from Robert A. Wallace, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and the man who supervised the Treasury Department's recent crash program to end the coin shortage.

Except for half dollars, that shortage has been declared officially at an end.

Mr. Wallace said, however, there are encouraging signs for the half dollar. He's had reports of more and more of them finding their way into circulation, and many banks now have halves available where in the past they had been unobtainable.

But Mr. Wallace said he's not yet ready to declare the half-dollar shortage ended. The supply, he said in a Thursday interview, still falls far short of demand.

DON'T BE LITTERBUGS



Don't Litter

Why do people litter their towns and cities and the countryside? This distasteful condition persists despite the concerted campaigns of civic organizations, governmental agencies and many individual citizen groups.

The basic reason for the problem is that many people are just thoughtless. Too many of us simply feel no personal responsibility for the appearance of our communities. An ever-stretching network of highways, increased travel, greater outdoor recreational facilities, and more leisure time all combine to provide even more opportunities for the litterbug.

Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the national public service organization for the prevention of litter, offers suggestions how everyone can help in the litter fight. They are:

- Keep your own home and property litter-free.
- Carry a litterbag in your car or boat. Always dispose of trash in a proper receptacle.
- Urge municipal officials to provide adequate collection and disposal facilities and a sufficient number of receptacles for street trash.
- Cooperate with others working to eliminate litter in your community. If there is no litter-prevention program in the area—start one.

Remember that litter is a costly eyesore that blights and corrodes, lowers property values, discourages tourists, and alienates potential new business and industry. Everyone should eliminate litter-bugging.

700 Unsafe Buildings Face Razing In N.Y.

NEW YORK—The demolition of 700 rotting buildings in Brooklyn has begun.

Mayor John V. Lindsay's swinging of a sledge hammer to start the razing also signaled launching of a citywide plan to knock down abandoned and hazardous tenements and other buildings.

Mayor Lindsay said this year's goal is 1,000 buildings. Next year it's 1,500. The Mayor said when he took office last year the rate was only 200 to 300 buildings a year.

He said once the buildings are demolished, exterminators will rid the area of rats and other

vermin. The lots will be leveled and blacktopped for playgrounds until new construction starts under the model-cities program.

Mayor Lindsay began the demolition in a building in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn.

The Mayor said the abandoned buildings are breeding grounds for crime and narcotics. He said under a new neighborhood program, supported by federal and city funds, demolition will be carried out on a group basis rather than on a house-to-house basis as in the past.

Smart-alecky customer (in a shoe store): "How much are your eight-dollar shoes?"

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Friday, July 14—Alfred Cir., Alfred Ct., Alfred, Autumn, Bailey, Barden, Campbell Dr., Channel Dr., Charles, Clark, Clifton Dr., Congress, Cross, Dartmouth, Deering, Dover, Dyotte, Florida Dr., Forest Rd., Greenwood, Grove, Laura Cir., Lawnwood, Leonard, Meadowbrook Rd., Melrose Pl., Merrell Dr., Morgan, Peros Dr., Roberta Cir., Ruth Ave., Sibley, Simpson Cir., Trinity Ter., Warren and Western Dr.

ROUTE 1

Monday, July 17 — Arnold, Broz, Carmen Ave., Cleveland, Coronet Cir., Duclos Dr., Francis, Gale, Grant, Hall, Harding, Homer, James, Letendre Ave., Liberty, McKinley, Maynard, Norman, Norman Terrace Ext., North, Oak Lane, Pleasant Dr., Ridgeway Dr., Robin Lane, Sherman Ave., Sylvan Lane, Taft, Walton Lane, Wilbert Ter., Wilson, Woodside Dr. and Woodland.

ROUTE 2

Tuesday, July 18 — Acorn, Agnoli Pl., Annable, Aubudon, Bessbrook, Chapin, Cherry, Colemore, Daniel, Day, Eastern Ave., Fenton, Franklin, Fruwirth Ave., Greenock, Hastings, Hayes Ave., Horsham Pl., Lenox, Lincoln, Line, Mooreland, Norwood Oak, Park, Pierce, Portland Pl., Ralph, Sequoia Dr., Ridgeway, Sylvan, White and Witheridge.

ROUTE 3

Wednesday, July 19 — Begley, Birchwood Ter., Bridge, Brookside Pl., Church, Cooley, Cottage, Dwight, Ellington, George, High, Highland, Hillcrest Ave., Howard, King, King Ave., Laurel, Lexington, Maple, McGrath Ter., Moore, Mulberry, Oak Ave., Oak Hill Ave., Orchard, Ottawa, Pasadena, Prospect River, Scherpa, Spencer, Spring, Summer, Sutton Pl., Tower Ter., Valley, Walnut, Walnut Street Ext. and Winthrop St.

Route 4

Thursday, July 20 — Amherst, Barn Rd., Belvedere, Brookline, Columbus, Country Rd., Giffin Pl., Granger Dr., Greenacre Lane, Henry, Highland, Holland Dr., Homestead Ave., Keating, Kensington, Mill, Morris, Norris, Northwood, Old Mill Rd., Randall, Rhodes Ave., Rowley, Royal, Royal Lane, Springfield, Twin Oaks Rd., Vassar Rd. and William St.

Cape Blackout Traced To Break

West Barnstable, Mass.

Cape Cod's eight-hour blackout, lasting in most areas from 5:29 p.m. Monday until 1:40 a.m. Tuesday, was caused by a break in a weakened 10-year-old-cable splice, according to a spokesman for the Cape and Vineyard Electric Company. The second local power failure to hit the Cape in the last four years left some 250,000 residents and July 4 vacationers to party by candlelight.

Cape Codders took the inconvenience in stride. No serious highway accidents were reported, although motorists had to drive through thick fog, and law enforcement authorities said their duties were normal.

Preston H. Morris, the utility's superintendent of transmission and distribution, said repair crews found the break in a rough, wooded area half a mile west of Oak Street.

Science teacher: "Is there any difference between lightning and electricity?"

Practical Pete: "Yes, You don't have to pay for lightning."

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPDEN ss PROBATE COURT
To all persons interested in the estate of WALTER J. EAGAN late of Agawam in said County, deceased.

The executor of the will of said WALTER J. EAGAN has presented to said Court for allowance his first and final account.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the eighth day of September 1967, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-ninth day of June 1967.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.
(July 13-20-27)



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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER



By BILL CHIBA

Fishing has slowed down generally throughout the area. Of course there are always exceptions to the rules, and Dave Kunasek of Day St., Feeding Hills, fits the bill. He has been taking rainbow trout regularly from North Pond, Congomond, by fishing right on the bottom with worms . . . One bow measured 16 inches. Word from Joe Losito, Mill St., Feeding Hills, confirms the story of two fishermen taking rainbows off the brook above Babbs Beach, middle pond, Congomond. They were also fishing on the bottom with worms and shiners. This seems to be the method to use for a successful venture.

White perch are hitting fast and furious at Quabbin. We suggest that you use Gate 43 for entry. This is where the action is.

Ed Goyette, Feeding Hills, and Vic Shibley, Agawam, are having a ball evenings at Littleville with small dry flies. The fish are not monsters that they are catching but with the light tackle required for getting them to hit, it is a challenge getting the fighting trout into the net.

One method I have used in the past for taking bass from the bottom of the lake proved to be quite productive. Bass are known to seek deep water during the day in hot weather and come into the shallows and weed beds during the night. Float over the top of suspected bass holes and drop a spoon (moosehook, daredevil, williams, etc.) to the bottom of the lake. Jerk it up for about three feet and then let it drop back. Patience is the key here. On one of the jerks upwards a bass will hit, and nine times out of ten it will be a big one. I have taken bass out of the Otis Reservoir, Big Pond, Bently Pond and Garfield Lake this way. I can not take credit for being the originator of this method. For real "dyed in the wool" lake trout fishermen use this system in New York State on the Finger Lakes.

The Sportsmen's Show has chosen dates in 1968. The show will open Jan. 18, and run through the 21.

At the June 28 meeting of the Hampden County Council of Sportsmen Clubs the following officers were elected to office: President—Anthony Dulski; 1st Vice-President—Allen Mackusick; 2nd Vice-President—Barbara Matthews; Treasurer—Dudley Boduntha; and Secretary—

Evelyn Hill. The Land Acquisition Committee: 3 year term, Henry Iglesias; 2 year term, Charles Buckingham; and 1 year term Bill Chiba.

NEW TOURNAMENT

The Port of Galilee, Narragansett, R. I., the most prominent sportfishing area in New England, will be the scene of the first Hi Neighbor Point Judith Striped Bass and Bluefish Tournament, August 11-14.

A highlight of the tournament will be the \$1000 U. S. Savings Bond offered to any registered contestant who enters the first officially-tagged Striped Bass or Bluefish during the four-day event.

Tournament registration is open to everyone and the fees are as follows: Shore Division, \$3.00; Boat Div., \$3.00 and for persons desiring to fish both from shore and boats there is a Combination Div. fee of \$5.00. Registrations must be postmarked no later than 5 p. m., Aug. 10, 1967. All profits from the tournament will be presented to the United Fund of Rhode Island following the close of the tournament.

Further information is available by mail addressed to: Tournament, P. O. Box 666, Narragansett, R. I. 02882 or by phone, Area Code 401, RE 9-3474.

H. B. #211

A bill passed by the House of New Hampshire Legislature requires the licensing of snow-traveling vehicles, to be handled by the director of motor vehicles. The fee shall be \$6.00, with \$4.00 to be transferred to the fish and game department. Sets up requirements for operation of said vehicles.

WOODCOCK POPULATION UP

A study recently completed by the Main Fish and Game Dept. and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicates an upswing in the state's woodcock population. Biologists report the number of the small game birds is 10 to 15 percent above last year. In both Kennebec and Somerset Counties, twice as many woodcock were counted this year.

Railroads Using Better Freight Cars

More freight cars are going into service. They are larger than those being retired and also are equipped with roller bearings or improved solid bearings using advanced types of lubricators. They have better springing to give goods a more gentle rapid ride, according to the Association of American Railroads.

Many of the cars have cushion-type underframes for improved impact absorption, cargo securing devices, and large door openings for quick loading and unloading. In the past year U. S. deliveries of freight cars totaled 89,892 new and 15,954 rebuilt cars, the best car building year since 1948, and in terms of overall carrying capacity they represent the highest level achieved in 43 years.

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Jim Reynold's Team



Jim Reynold's team pictured above, left to right—Bottom Row: Wayne Marek, Jim Brown, Rocky Beane, Bob Brown, Andy Ouimet; Second Row: Don Progulski, Mike Dean, George Easter, Bill Morin, Alan Wein; Third Row: Manager Henry Kozloski, Edward Dzweliski, Paul Vella, John Shea, Robert Quinn and Coach Stephen DeSimone, Sr.

Jim Reynolds Baseball League Standings

Agawam's second tournament game will be played Saturday, July 15, at 2 p. m. against Amherst at Northampton.

Douglas Lynds, president of



By Mary Whitman

The nickel has always been one of our most popular American coins.

This is partly because of its third design, incorrectly known as the Buffalo (it was a bison) or Indian head nickel, points out Richard S. Yeoman of Whitman Publishing Company, Racine, Wis., one of the nation's top numismatic experts. Another reason for popularity of the nickel is that it supplied so many basic enjoyments for so long—a candy bar, a soft drink, chewing gum, an ice cream cone, a hot dog, a phone call, or a seat at a silent movie.

And while many prices are higher these days, there are still numerous items that can be purchased for a nickel.

"The nickel first appeared in 1866," says Yeoman, "in an attempt to establish a popular coin with long-lasting qualities that was easy to handle."

From 1866-73, two types of five-cent coins were made: small silver pieces called "half dimes" and larger pieces made of 75 per cent copper and 25 per cent nickel. Silver five-cent pieces were discontinued after 1873. The copper-nickel alloy coin has held forth to the present with the exception of the World War II period, when the composition was changed to conserve precious nickel.

The most valuable rarity in nickels is the 1913 Liberty Head. Only five are known to be in existence, and each is valued at \$50,000.

American nickels from 1866 to the present are listed, priced and described in Whitman's "A Guide Book of United States Coins" (the Red Book), authored by Yeoman. This volume, now in its 20th edition, is regarded as the nation's most authoritative reference on current market values of U.S. coins.

the local Babe Ruth (Jim Reynolds) League, extends a cordial invitation to all Agawam baseball fans to attend this game and give their moral support to a fine group of boys who have worked so hard to represent Agawam in this tournament.

In the opener for both teams in 1967 Babe Ruth tournament play, Agawam beat Granby on strong pitching by Andy Ouimet who allowed three base hits and struck out eleven, and the timely hitting of centerfielder Quinn.

After three scoreless innings, Granby scored its only run when pitcher Klauke doubled home Keyes.

Klauke was able to handcuff the Agawam team until the bottom of the sixth when Easter walked and went to second on a wild pitch. Quinn then delivered a single to right on an 0 and 2 pitch scoring Easter with the tying run. Then on two successive errors Quinn scored what proved to be the winning run.

Granby—Klauke, p; Agawam, Ouimet, p; Vella, c. Granby—1 run, 3 hits, 3 errors. Agawam—2 runs, 5 hits, 1 error.

Fees May Cut Mail Deficit

Washington
The Post Office Department, currently running \$1.2 billion into the financial red each year on its operations, has announced a plan that may help cut the deficit—gradually.

The department said that starting July 4 it will furnish—for a fee tentatively set at \$1—requests for anybody's last recorded change of address.

A postal spokesman said requests for such addresses will be handled only when an individual has moved and left a forwarding address at his former post office.

Actually, the plan wasn't conceived to overcome the department's chronic operating deficit. It grew instead out of the new Freedom of Information Law which took effect July 4.

The road to success is forever under construction.

Sgt. Smith On Duty At Nha Trang AB

WITH U. S. COMBAT AIR FORCES, Vietnam — Technical Sergeant John A. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Smith of 571 Main St., Agawam, is on duty at Nha Trang AB, Vietnam. Sergeant Smith, an aircraft maintenance technician, is a member of the Pacific Air Force, America's overseas air arm in Southeast Asia, the Far East and Pacific. Before his arrival in Southeast Asia, he was assigned to Hurlburt Field, Fla.

The sergeant, a graduate of West Philadelphia Catholic High School, is a veteran of the Korean War and World War II.

His wife, Della, is the daughter of Mrs. Arthur Miller of Swords Creek, Va.

Swimming Warning

When you go swimming at the seashore, beware of the "rip current" that can carry you seaward. The warning is from the Environmental Sciences Services Administration, which explains that a rip current is a strong, narrow current flowing straight out from shore. It can be spotted by the break, or cross-pattern, in lines parallel to the beach that are formed by surf. If you get caught in a rip current, ESSA advises you to swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, rather than swim against it.

Cookware For Camping

One of the great things about camping is the way outdoor appetites seem to make everything taste better. Campsite cooking doesn't have to be elaborate to make every dish on the menu disappear into second and third helpings.

Since you have to carry your whole kitchen with you, you'll have to give careful attention to selecting your cookware for camping. It should be easy to transport, easy to clean and have good heat conductivity to make the most of the cooking heat available from camp stoves or fires.

Non-stick coated aluminum utensils—a couple of saucepans and at least one skillet—are perfect for outdoor cooking. It's strong yet light in weight, and the non-stick finish comes clean without scrubbing or using lots of precious water. Because aluminum has the highest heat conductivity of any metal commonly used for cookware, any aluminum utensil will take the heat from a small alcohol or butane stove and spread it evenly and rapidly, giving you better cooking with less fuel.

Several cookware manufacturers market special sets of aluminum camping cookware, designed to nest into a compact carrying case. When selecting your portable kitchen inventory, don't forget that most indispensable item, the coffee pot.

Electrifying Your Patio

Portable electric aluminum cooking appliances are a big help in broadening patio menus. If you don't have outdoor outlets convenient to your patio, make sure you use heavy-duty rubberized extension cords to supply adequate power safely.

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Miss Raimondi To Wed In October

Mr. and Mrs. Pietro Raimondi of Mulberry St., Agawam, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Norma, to Vincent G. Cosgrove, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard J. Cosgrove of Druids Ave., West Springfield. An October wedding is planned.

Miss Raimondi is a graduate of Agawam High School and Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, and is employed as a staff nurse at the hospital.

Mr. Cosgrove, also a graduate of Agawam High School, is employed in the time keeping department at Pratt & Whitney division, United Aircraft.

Miss Rosso To Wed Philip A. Nelson

Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Rosso of Broz Ter., Agawam, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl, to Philip A. Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. George E. Nelson of Harwich Rd., West Springfield. A November wedding is being planned.

A graduate of Agawam High School, Miss Rosso is employed by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Her fiancé, a graduate of West Springfield High School, is employed in the laboratory, of J. Dirats, Westfield.

TV GUIDELINES

Rod Serling once received the Hollywood Foreign Press Association's Golden Globe award for his "The Twilight Zone" television series, and TV Guide recalls Rod's observation when he looked out at the well-wined audience: "I have a feeling this is the Twilight Zone."

Joyce Jameson, who portrays a "dumb blonde" on several television guest appearances every year, commenting in TV Guide on her background: "They say I was a blonde when I was a tiny little girl; I know I've been a blonde ever since I could lift a bottle of peroxide."

Good Question!

I watched them tearing a building down
A gang of men in a busy town
With a ho-heave-ho and a lusty yell
They swung a beam, and the side-walk fell.
I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled,
And the men you'd hire if you had to build?"
He gave a laugh and said, "No, indeed!
Just common labor is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two
What builders have taken a year to do."
And I thought to myself as I went away,
Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and the square?
Am I shaping my deeds to a well-made plan,
Patiently doing the best that I can?
Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town
Content with the labor of—tearing-down?

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

It now looks as though the taxpayer will be the first of America's natural resources to be completely exhausted.

Round The Town



By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

Miss Carol Bissonnette of Mulberry St., Agawam, left Friday with friends for the Expo in Canada. Carol is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bissonnette.

Mrs. John Sullivan of Leonard St., Agawam, has returned from a five months vacation at San Angelo, Texas, where she was guest of her daughter, Marjorie, and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Urban.

Mr. Nicholas Funtos of Leonard St., Agawam, has returned from the Jamaica Plains Hospital in Boston, and is convalescing at home.

Miss Jeannette S. Berry of 66 McKinley St., Feeding Hills, left Saturday morning for Hawaii where she will spend the summer studying at the University of Hawaii. Miss Berry is a teacher of retarded children at the Elias Brookings School, Springfield.



When Conversation Lags

Silence may be golden—but at a party it becomes pretty leaden. The hostess is the one trusted with keeping the conversational ball afloat, bridging the gaps when happily wagging tongues suddenly fall silent.

Compliments and questions that lead somewhere are good opening plays. "What a lovely dress!" expects a "thank you" and little else. But a more perceptive compliment like "what an unusual charm bracelet you're wearing" might lead to a whole discussion of jewelry, heirlooms, collective mementoes, and so on.

The hostess can inject a little healthy controversy—often by taking the Devil's Advocate role. "Well, I was a little disappointed in Albee's last play" is sure to get some response, positive or negative. Or "I wonder where Ronald Reagan's political future lies" might trigger an interesting political discussion.

Sometimes, arguments started in calm end up in verbal collision, and as the hostess you are expected to come between the combatants. Remember at this time that hard drinks reinforce hard-heads, while soft drinks can have a cooling and leveling effect. A large chilled pitcher of Pepsi-Cola is always a must at my parties to quench thirst—and arguments.

When you are making up a guest list, be sure to include some sparkling conversationalists, because good talk is the "secret ingredient" of a successful party.

America's allies of World War I still owe this nation \$19 billion, says Tax Foundation, Inc. This is \$5 billion more than the U. S. will have to pay for interest on the present national debt.

Switzerland has two unique characteristics: it is the only modern nation where women are denied the right to vote, and it is probably the world's most trouble free country.

Harrington Wedding Of Local Interest New Jersey Event

Miss Joan Brunin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brunn of Westfield, New Jersey, was married at noon Saturday, June 17, to Clayton F. Harrington, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, Sr., of Suffield St., Agawam. Rev. Walter Reuning performed the double ring ceremony in the Lutheran Church of Westfield, New Jersey.

The bride was attended by Miss Gale Siegfried of Ruxton, Md., Miss Anne Kalberer of Saddle River, N. J., Miss Virginia Carpenter of Westfield, N. J., college classmates, and Miss Regina Harrington of Agawam, sister of the bridegroom.

Richard Harrington was best man for his brother. Ushers were H. Michael Newman of Rowayton, Conn., Robert Winston, Jr., cousin of the bridegroom of West Springfield, and 2nd Lt. Richard Brunn, brother of the bride.

Following the ceremony, a cocktail hour and dinner were held at the Shackamaxon, N. J., Golf and Country Club.

Mrs. Harrington graduated from Westfield, New Jersey High School and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Mr. Harrington graduated from Mount Hermon School for boys and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. He will enter Law School of Boston University in the fall.

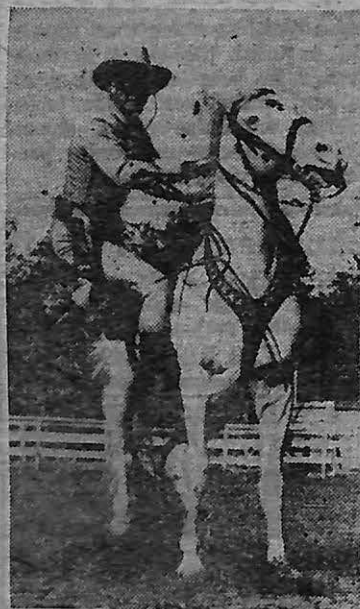
The couple spent one week at Cape Cod, South Chatham, and on June 24 left for a tour of Europe. On return they will make their home in Boston receiving friends after Aug. 28th.

Free Live Puppy To Be Given Away At Storrowton's Show

"The Magic of Oz," Storrowton Theatre's next musical fairy-tale for children, will be presented at the West Springfield tent-theatre-in-the-round, Thursday morning, July 13, at 10:30.

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The signing of three more big-name attractions for Storrowton Theatre in West Springfield, Mass., brought renewed hope to everyone who is interested in the famous summer tent theater located on the Eastern States Exposition Grounds.

Definitely set for a one-nighter, Thursday, Aug. 3, at 8:30, is the internationally renowned folksinger, Theodore Bikel, who was Mary Martin's leading man in the Rodgers and Hammerstein Broadway musical, "The Sound of Music."

And in that same first week of August, for a Saturday night appearance only, the fabulous Al Hirt and his Dixieland Band will be in the Storrowton spotlight. Al Hirt, one of the greatest trumpet players in the business, brings his foot-stompin' music here for one performance only, Aug. 5 at 8:30.

Now for the frosting on the cake! The one and only Martha Raye, America's clown princess of comedy, darling of the G.I.'s, the world over, and one of Storrowton's most favorite people, will bring her special revue to

the tent theater for one big week beginning Aug. 7.

Martha will sing, dance and cavort in her own Las Vegas type show which will also feature The Fifth Dimension, an excellent group of folk singers.

Performance times are 8:30 Monday through Friday, with an extra Friday midnight performance and two shows on Saturday at 6 and 9:30.

VWWI CARD

PARTY WINNERS

The first game in a new series of card parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory on Maynard St. Winning door prizes were Gladys Stone, Howard Thayer, Del Burt and Mildred Hamel.

Mystery prizes winners were George Pierce, Beatrice Newton and Florence Duclos. Ladies ace prize winner was Maude McMahon and Ken Morley for the men.

High score prizes were awarded to: Ladies—1st Mildred Hamel, 2nd Selina Beauchaine, 3rd Ruby Gauthier, 4th Ann Hyde; Men—1st George Pierce, 2nd L. Franchere, 3rd Harold Landers, 4th Henry Cole.

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Census Bureau To Survey Population Under 14 Years

Information about the number of children under 14 as well as the number of owner-occupied and rented households will be collected in a Census Bureau survey to be conducted here during the week of July 17, Director James W. Turbitt of the Census Regional Office in Boston announced today.

The information will help population experts in determining national population trends and will provide important economic data about U. S. households.

The questions are part of the Bureau's monthly Current Population Survey taken from a sample of the population throughout

the U. S. Simultaneously, questions about employment and unemployment will also be asked for the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics to determine national employment and unemployment trends.

The identity of households participating in the survey is confidential and the facts obtained are used only for statistical purposes.

Census interviewers who will be working in this area are: Mrs. Margaret Spooner, West Springfield; Mrs. Louise Shuart, Springfield; and Mrs. Alfreda Sokolowski, Springfield.



SOCIAL SECURITY Questions and Answers

Q. How can older people help prevent delays in the processing of their medical insurance claims under medicare?

A. If you are getting ready to file your first claim for payment of doctor bills and other expenses covered by your medical insurance, begin by consulting your **MEDICARE HANDBOOK**. Every beneficiary was mailed a Handbook; however, if yours has been lost or misplaced, any social security office will gladly send you another. The Handbook not only describes what services are reimbursable, but also tells you how to figure the \$50 deductible and explains the two methods of claiming payment.

As the Handbook points out, after your covered expenses go over \$50 each calendar year, medical insurance pays 80 percent, or \$4 out of \$5 of the reasonable charges for all other covered expenses you have during the rest of the year. Medical insurance does not, however, pay anything for the first \$50.

It is a good idea to wait until your covered expenses go over \$50 before submitting your claim. This helps avoid filling out extra claim forms and besides, no reimbursement can be made until the \$50 deductible has been met.

You can get a special folder from your social security office which will help you keep track of your medicare medical expenses. There is a copy of the "Request for Payment" form in this folder which you can use for your first claim. There is also additional information about the \$50 deductible and the two methods of claiming payment.

Under the first method, the

doctor sends the bill to the insurance carrier which will pay 80 percent of the reasonable charges; the doctor then agrees to bill the patient for no more than the remaining 20 percent of the bill and whatever part of the \$50 deductible has not been paid. The doctor, however, may not choose to use this method of payment.

Using the other method, the doctor bills the patient in the customary manner and the patient sends in the claim for reimbursement. Itemized receipted bills should be attached to the Request for Payment form or the patient should ask his doctor to fill out Part II of the form giving such information as date and place of medical services, nature of illness, and general description of services rendered. It is often more convenient for both the doctor and the patient to use this part of the claim form, rather than to attach itemized receipted bills.

If you are a medicare beneficiary about to send in your first claim for reimbursement of doctor's bills you have paid, a visit to your nearest social security office may help assure that your claim will be paid as promptly as possible. Many beneficiaries have not received payment for doctor bills as quickly as they might have, because they have left off some simple but important bit of information from their Request for Payment form.

So, if you think you are going to need help in making out your claim, be on the safe side; take it to the social security office and let someone there check it over and be sure it is correctly filled out before you send it to he insurance carrier. If you are unable to visit the social security office personally, you can send the claim in by mail, giving your name and telephone number as the social security people can call and discuss the form with you.

The Springfield Social Security office is located at 891 State St. Their office hours are Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The telephone number is 781-2420.

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WILLIAM J. THEROUX

Theroux Participates In Summer Program

NEW LONDON, Conn.—Coast Guard Cadet First Class William J. Theroux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wildor A. Theroux of 270 South St., Agawam, a senior at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, is taking part in the Academy's annual summer professional training program. The program, which begins in June, gives the future Coast Guard officers an opportunity to apply practically the knowledge they have acquired academically.

During the summer, cadets will be receiving at-sea experience aboard the 295-foot sailing bark Eagle and four other high endurance cutters. They will also receive basic knowledge of Coast Guard aviation at an air station; small arms training at Quantico, Va.; and familiarization with search and rescue coordination techniques at a Coast Guard district headquarters. They will be visiting such places as Expo '67, and various ports in the Great Lakes and Caribbean.

As the cadets finish one phase of training, they move on to the next one until they return to New London for the fall semester at the Academy.

Elderly Hit By Frauds

The nation's older people have become the No. 1 target of confidence games and fraud, reports the National Better Business Bureau. Frequently, the Bureau says, these involve gyps in home repairs, sales of overpriced items with promises of credit for purchases from lists of prospective buyers furnished by the victims, debt-adjusting plans that simply add to what the victim already owes, false promises of big profits and little work under misleading franchise plans, dance-studio rackets, or mail-order promotions of worthless land.

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That date is the absolute deadline for applications for VA guaranteed or insured G.I. Home Loans for veterans of World War II.

Veterans of the Korean Con-

flict and the Viet-Nam era veterans are not affected by the WW II cutoff date. For Korean Conflict veterans, the absolute deadline is January 31, 1975.

For the post Korean Conflict veterans the loan deadline formula is the same as the one for previous programs; 10 years after the date of discharge, plus one year for each three months active duty, but not in excess of 20 years from date of last discharge.

Massachusetts veterans may obtain further information and assistance at the VA Contact Division, Room E-116, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston 02203 or by calling 223-3080.

'Nothing' Room

DETROIT—A "nothing" room may become the new rage in modern homes.

One Detroit builder reports great success with an undesignated room that the homeowner can put to any use he wishes.

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